

Stated Meeting, August 18.

Present, eight members.

Judge KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, dated New York, July 28, 1854, and from Prof. James D. Dana, dated New Haven, July 30, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of the Society:—

From the Royal Society of London, dated Somerset House, Feb. 24, 1854, returning thanks for Part 2, Vol. X. of the Transactions, and for No. 48 of the Proceedings of this Society:—

From the Connecticut Historical Society, dated Hartford, July 21, 1854;—from the Trustees of the State Library of New York, dated Albany, July 22, 1854;—from the New Jersey Historical Society, dated Newark, July 26, 1854;—from the American Antiquarian Society, dated Worcester, Mass., Aug. 8, 1854;—from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dated Philadelphia, August 9, 1854,—severally communicating thanks for No. 51 of the Society's Proceedings:—

From the Society of the Museum of Natural History of Strasburg, dated January 2, 1854;—from the Secretary of l'Ecole des Mines, dated Paris, Feb. 14, 1854;—from the Imperial Geological Institute at Vienna, dated March 19, 1854,—each announcing donations for the library of the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Memoires de la Société du Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de Strasbourg. Tomes I. II. III. IV. Strasbourg, 1833. 1853. 4to.—

From the Society.

Annales des Mines. V. Série. Tome IV. 5 livraison de 1853.

Paris. 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*

Public Documents of the United States, as follows:

Executive Documents, 2d Session of 32d Congress, 1852, '53, 11 vols.

Senate Documents, Special Session, 1853, 1 vol.

Do. do. 2d Session of 32d Congress, 1852, '53, 11 vols.

Do. Miscellaneous, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1 vol.

Senate Reports, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1 vol.

„ Journal, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1 vol.

House Journal, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1 vol.

„ Miscellaneous, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1 vol.

„ Reports, ,, ,, ,, ,, 1 vol.

„ List of Private Claims, 1st to 31st Congress, Vol I. A to Gn.

Maps of Andrews' Report, 2 copies.

Statistics of U. S. Seventh Census, 1850.—*From the Department of State, Washington.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

Vol. VII. No. 3. Philadelphia, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

The African Repository: Vol. XXX. No. 8. August, 1854. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

Annual Report of the President of the Maryland Historical Society, and List of its Members. Baltimore, 1854. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Catalogue of the Manuscripts, Maps, Medals, Coins, Statuary, Portraits and Pictures, and an Account of the Library of the Maryland Historical Society, made in 1854: by Lewis Mayer, Assistant Librarian. Baltimore. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the City of New Bedford, for the year 1853-4. New Bedford. 8vo.—*From the Trustees.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXVIII.

No. 2. August, 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London, for the year 1853. Vol. 143. Part 3. London, 1853. 4to. List of Fellows of the Royal Society.

Proceedings of the Royal Society. Vol. VI. No. 99-101. London. 8vo.

Address of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosse, &c. &c., President of the Royal Society, at the Anniversary Meeting, November 30, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

On Signor Carlo Matteucci's Letter to H. Bence Jones, M. D., F. R. S., &c. By Emil Du Bois Reymond, Mem. Acad. Sci. Berlin and Vienna. London. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Jahrbuch der Kaiserlich—Königlichen Geologischen Reichsanstalt.

1853. IV Jahrgang, No. 3. Jul. Aug. Sept. Wien. 4to.—
From the Imperial Royal Geological Institute, Vienna.

Report of the Hon. James Meacham, of the Special Committee of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, on the Distribution of the Income of the Smithsonian Fund, &c. Washington, 1854. 8vo.—*From Hon. D. Stuart, M. C.*

Notes on the Gulf Stream: by A. D. Bache, Superintendent U. S. Coast Survey. (Revised to 1854.)—*From the Author.*

The Astronomical Journal. Vol. III. No. 24. Vol. IV. Nos. 1, 2. Cambridge. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, Jr., Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XII. No. 140. Aug. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. VII. No. 1. July, 1854. New York. 8vo.—*From Myron Finch, Esq., Editor.*

Dr. Bache announced the decease of William M'Ilvaine, a member of the Society, who died on the 9th inst., aged 68:—
 And, on motion, Mr. George Ord was requested to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased member.

Judge Kane, from the committee appointed some time since to provide better accommodations for the Society's library, made a verbal report in reference to that subject, and gave reasons for the apparent delay of the committee:—Whereupon, it was, on motion, resolved, That the committee have discretionary power to suspend action, as in their judgment shall be deemed expedient.

The Society of the Museum of Natural History, of Strasburg, was ordered to be placed on the list of corresponding Societies.

Stated Meeting, September 15.

Present, fourteen members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. Benjamin Gerhard, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.